

Application No.: 10/773,551

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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph 0002 as follows:

[0002] Utility patent application entitled "ARRANGEMENTS AND METHODS FOR CONNECTING DECORATIVE ORNAMENTS" filed on [[____]] February 5, 2004 and having Ser. No. [[____]] 10/774,264 [Attorney Ref. 2350.422].

Please amend paragraph 0026 as follows:

[0026] FIGURE 1 is a side elevation view of prior art fixture mounting 10 over which the present invention is an improvement. Fixture mounting 10 supports a fixture 12. In the prior art mounting shown in FIGURE 1, fixture 12 includes a light fixture 14 having a bulb 16 which is enclosed within a glass shade 18, in this case, a hurricane glass shade. In this prior art arrangement, fixture 12 also includes a decorative crystal bobèche 20. Fixture 12 is supported on a glass arm 22, in this case, a curved glass arm, which is mounted to a mounting plate 24 by conventional means. As is typical in the art, arm 22 may have ferrules 26, 27 mounted at either end of arm 22 to function as interfacing structures between arm 22 and support plate 24 and arm 22 and fixture 12, respectively. As is also typical in the art, numerous decorative ornaments may be mounted to bobèche 20 and arm 22. For example, decorative pendant and crystal ~~arrangements~~ arrangements 28 and 30 may be mounted to arm 22 and bobèche 20 ~~[[24]]~~. As is typical of the prior art, arrangements 28 are mounted to arm 22 by means of a mounting buttons 21 and rings 23. Mounting buttons 21 are typically mounted with an adhesive and rings 23 provide a mounting interface between mounting buttons 21 and mounting arrangement 28.

Please amend paragraph 0041 as follows:

[0041] FIG. 10 is detailed view of the ornament mounting hook arrangement, or "crystal-carrying cut-out," 82 shown in FIG. 3. According to one aspect of the present invention, one or more ornament mounting hook arrangements 82 may be provided on

brace 60, for example, along the lower edge of brace 60. In one aspect of the invention, as shown in FIG. 3, the second end 64 of brace 60 may include one or more ornament mounting hook arrangements 82. According to this aspect of the invention, ornament mounting hook arrangement 82 comprises an inverted, U-shaped passageway or channel 83 having a closed end 84 adapted to receive and retain a mounting hook or loop, for example, for mounting ornament arrangements, such as ornament arrangements 50 or 52 shown in FIG. 2. In one aspect of the invention, as shown in FIG. 10, the closed end 84 of ornament mounting hook arrangement 82 may comprise a point 87 wherein closed end 84 takes the appearance of an arrow head. According to this aspect of the invention, the side extensions of the arrowhead of closed end 84 provide obstructions to the disengagement of hooks or loops from ornament mounting hook arrangement 82. In another aspect of the invention, the width of channel 83, for example, the thickness of elongated element 70, provides an obstruction to the twisting of a hook or loop, for example, the twisting of a "Y hook" (described in the above-referenced copending application), mounted in ornament mounting hook arrangement 82. Further aspects and advantages of ornament mounting hook arrangement 82 are provided in copending application Ser. No. [[_____]] 10/774,264 referenced above.